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REMARKS

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1. On 6 February 1954, sedans and jeeps

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 were parked at the buildings on Theater Platz and Stalinring in Baden (O 49/X 37). The installations were guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. A T-34/85 tank was standing in the yard of the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos. The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The large antenna at the former Flak Kaserne had been replaced by a small one. Vehicles observed at the installation were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and included weapon carrier sedan ambulance and trucks About 120 soldiers

with full field pack were observed near the installation engaged in various kinds of training. The Helenenthalhof was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Twenty trucks, 6 tank trucks and 3 jeeps were parked in the garages of the installation. Vehicles observed at the Helenenthalhof included weapon carriers driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; and truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Three groups of six EM each practiced stringing of bare wires on stationary poles in the area southwest of the Helenenthalhof. Truck was standing at the entrance of the quarters at 98 through 100 Helenenthalhof which were guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Officers and EM with red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets went from the quarters to the Helenenthalhof. Jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets left Doblhof Castle which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Six trucks were parked at the installation. A large antenna, similar to the antenna previously standing at the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos, was erected in the yard of the building at the intersection of Braun Strasse and Muehl Gasse. Trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets entered the installation.¹

2. On 1 February, officers with red-bordered black, black-bordered red, black-bordered black, and blue-bordered black epaulets were observed at the former County Court in St Poelten (O 49/W 38) which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Jeep driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen in front of the installation. The garages west of the former County Court were closed. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia guarded the installation. About 18 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets practiced bridge construction at the Eugen

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Kaserne where four trucks, a tank truck, and an engineer vehicle were standing in the barracks yard. Four officers commanded about 48 EM engaged in close order drill and about 30 EM receiving basic infantry training in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne where 23 trucks were also observed. Two jeeps and 3 trucks [redacted] were parked in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed included signal truck [redacted]

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[redacted] jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets left Viehofen Castle which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen trucks, 3 jeeps and 1 weapon carrier, but no tanks, were observed in the area of Camp Spratzern which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The movable target installation was still at the western perimeter of the camp. Vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern included trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; sedan [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and jeep [redacted]

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1. Comment. The occupation of the quarters in Baden cannot definitely be interpreted. The T-34/85 tank observed in the yard of the former Flak Kaserne probably belonged to officers' training courses of the Central Group of Forces conducted at this installation. [redacted]

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2. Comment. On the whole, the information indicates no change affecting the previous estimate of the occupation of St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern. It can be inferred that basic infantry training as well as special training, such as stringing of lines and construction of bridges, continued in St. Poelten and also in Baden. [redacted]

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